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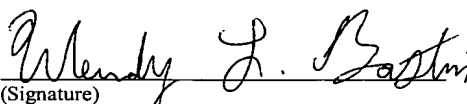
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Reconstruction**
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Sir:

Claims 1-9, 12, 13, and 15-18 are allowed in this application. A final rejection of claim 14 was mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 24, 2004.

Applicants canceled claims 10-11, without prejudice, reserving the right to pursue claims 10-11 in a continuation application. Applicants hereby appeal the Examiner's rejection of claim 14.

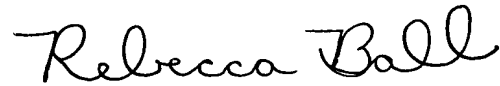
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